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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU'S DESIRE TO VISIT KARPASS

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1. I WAS CALLED MORNING JULY 4 BY DIRECTOR GENERAL PELAGHIAS, WHO, AFTER OFFERING CONGRATULATIONS ON OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY, AND INFORMING ME OF THE TIME OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S ARRIVAL AT OUR JULY 4 RECEPTION, ASKED ME TO CALL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. I WAS ASKED TO MEET WITH ACTING FOREGIN MINISTER PATSALIDES IN ORDER TO BE INFORMED OF BACKGROUND OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S REQUEST TO SRSG GALINDO-POHL TO FACILITATE KYPRIANOU VISIT TO GREEK CYPRIOTS LIVING IN ENCLAVES IN THE KARPASS REGION OF THE TURKISH OCCUPIED AREA.

2. AT THE MINISTRY I MET WITH PATSALIDES AND PELAGHIAS WHO PROCEEDED TO EXPLAIN THAT WHEN PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU WAS IN LONDON, "THOUSANDS" OF GREEK CYPRIOTS LIVING THERE HAD URGED PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO CONTINUE TO LIVE IN ENCLAVES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. IT WAS FOR THAT REASON THAT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU HAD REQUESTED SRSG GALINDO-POHL TO ARRANGE
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FOR THE UN TO FACILITATE HIS VISIT.

3. THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER THEN EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE POSITION DENKTASH HAS TAKEN (NOTE: JULY 4 PRESS INDICATED DENKTASH INSISTED KYPRIANOU'S REQUEST BE ADDRESSED TO HIM AS "PRESIDENT" TFSC IN WRITING. THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED OFFICIALLY BY GOC). HE POINTED OUT THE GOC CONSIDERS THAT PRESIDENT

KYPRIANOU IS PRESIDENT OF ALL OF CYPRUS. THEY BELIEVED IT WAS REASONABLE TO REQUEST UN TO FACILITATE THE VISIT AND WERE CALLING IN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO INFORM THEM OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE GOC REQUEST.

4. PELAGHIAS POINTED OUT THERE WERE PRECEDENTS IN THAT DENKTASH HAD VISITED LIMASSOL AND PAPHOS UNDER SPONSORSHIP IN 1975 TO MEET WITH TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND URGE THEM TO MOVE TO THE NORTH; AND CLERIDES HAD PAID A VISIT TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT ENCLAVES IN 1975 AS WELL.

5. I REMINDED THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER THAT I HAD AGREED WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU THAT WE WOULD ALWAYS SPEAK VERY FRANKLY TO ONE ANOTHER, AND IN THAT SPIRIT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, I WAS AFRAID THAT THE PRESIDENT'S MOVE WOULD BE LOOKED ON AS GAMES-MANSHIP OR ATTEMPTED ONE-UPMANSHIP AND WOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS AN INDICATION OF A SERIOUS DESIRE TO COME TO A RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

6. PATSALIDES REJOINED THAT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU BELIEVED THAT MOVE COULD INDEED CONTRIBUTE TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION. THE PRESIDENT WAS ANXIOUS THAT THE VISIT TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO JULY 20, ACCORDING TO PELAGHIAS, AS HE FELT THAT HE WOULD THEN BE IN A POSITION TO STATE THAT THOSE LIVING IN THE ENCLAVES WERE SATISFIED WITH THEIR LOT AND WERE NOT BEING PERSECUTED. THIS HE SAID WOULD HELP TO PACIFY THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE THEIR

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ANTAGONISM AROUSED ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION. HE INSISTED THE PROPOSAL REPRESENTED A GENUINE DESIRE ON THE PART OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU TO COUNTER THOSE WHO WOULD STIR UP FEELINGS AGAINST THE TURKS, AND ALSO WOULD RESPOND TO THOSE WHO CLAIMED HE HAD NOT INTERESTED HIMSELF ENOUGH IN THE GREEK CYPRIOTS LIVING IN THE NORTH.

7. (IN A COMMENT TO DCM AT JULY 4 RECEPTION LATER IN THE DAY, PELAGHIAS SAID HE HAD FORGOTTEN ONE IMPORTANT POINT WHICH HE WAS ADDING IN LATER DEMARCHES TO OTHER AMBASSADORS. POINT IS THAT VIENNA III AGREEMENT OF AUGUST 2, 1975 BETWEEN DENKTASH AND CLERIDES PROVIDED THAT UNFICYP SHOULD HAVE "FREE AND NORMAL ACCESS TO GREEK CYPRIOT VILLAGES AND HABITATIONS IN THE NORTH." THIS, PELAGHIAS SAID, PROVIDED THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR UNFICYP FACILITATION OF KYPRIANOU VISIT.)

8. PELAGHIAS SAID THE PROPOSAL REPRESENTED A PURELY HUMANITARIAN INTEREST OF THE GOC, AS INTERPRETED BY PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU. PATSALIDES ECHOED THAT IT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT IN THAT SPIRIT. I ASSURED THEM I WOULD REPORT THEIR OBSERVATIONS TO MY GOVERNMENT.

9. AS I LEFT, PELAGHIAS HANDED ME A COPY OF THE CONGRATULATORY

TELEGRAM WHICH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU HAD JUST SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER VIA COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. TEXT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT, EUR/SE.

10. WHILE I CALLED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, DCM MET WITH D/SRSG GORGE. LATTER CONVERSATION BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL. STONE

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